

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A page for binding in an album, the page comprising:

13 a printer paper sheet; and

A1 a hinge strip mounted along an edge of the printer paper sheet, the hinge strip including a flexible portion and a mounting portion for mounting the page to an album, wherein the hinge strip is securely attached to the paper sheet and such that the paper sheet and the hinge strip combination are adapted to go through a printer together to provide a ready-to-bind printed page.

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2. (Original) The page of claim 1, wherein the printer paper sheet comprises a cotton rag paper material.

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3. (Original) The page of claim 1, wherein the printer paper sheet comprises an uncoated, unbleached paper.

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4. (Original) The page of claim 1, wherein the printer paper sheet comprises a 100% cotton fiber, acid-free paper.

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5. (Original) The page of claim 1, wherein the hinge strip is 100% acid-free.

6. (Currently Amended) The page of claim 1, wherein the hinge strip includes a mounting strip spaced apart from the edge of the printer paper sheet and connected to the printer paper sheet by a ~~hinge~~ ⁽¹²⁴⁾ connecting tape strip.

material
7. (Currently Amended) The page of claim 6, wherein the ~~hinge~~ tape is attached to the mounting strip and the printer paper sheet by an acrylic adhesive.

8. (Currently Amended) A system for binding prints to an album, the system comprising:
a blank, printer paper sheet; and

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a hinge strip having a first portion including a discrete mounting strip for mounting to an album and ~~a second portion which is one or more discrete flexible connecting strips mounted~~ *-not shown in drawing* between the mounting strip and the printer paper sheet such that adapted to be mountable to an edge of the printer paper sheet, wherein the hinge strip includes a flexible portion defined by a gap between the mounting strip and the paper sheet such that when the hinge strip is mounted to the printer paper sheet the hinge strip is bendable along the flexible portion;

wherein the paper sheet and the hinge strip are adapted to go through a printer together to provide a ready-to-bind printed page.

9. (Original) The system of claim 8, wherein the blank, printer paper sheet comprises a cotton rag paper material.

10. (Original) The system of claim 8, wherein the blank, printer paper sheet comprises an uncoated, unbleached paper.

11. (Original) The system of claim 8, wherein the blank, printer paper sheet comprises a 100% cotton fiber, acid-free paper.

12. (Original) The system of claim 8, wherein the hinge strip is 100% acid-free.

13. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 8, ~~wherein the hinge strip includes a mounting strip and a linen tape strip mounted along and overhanging an edge of the mounting strip, the linen tape strip having an adhesive covered by a release tape on the overhanging portion~~ comprising a pair of flexible connecting strips mounted between the mounting strip and the paper sheet.

14. (Currently Amended) The page of claim 14 ~~13~~, wherein the ~~linen tape is~~ pair of flexible strips are attached to the mounting strip by an acrylic adhesive.

15. (Cancelled)

Cont 16. (Cancelled)

AI 17. (New) A hinge strip for a paper sheet, the hinge strip comprising:
a discrete elongated mounting strip for mounting to an album; and
a discrete elongated flexible connecting strip mounted to the elongated mounting strip
and having a portion overhanging the elongated mounting strip, the overhanging portion for
mounting the flexible connecting strip to an edge of a paper sheet.

18. (New) The hinge strip of claim 17, comprising a pair of flexible connecting strips, one on
each side of the elongated mounting strip.

97/1- 19. (New) The hinge strip of claim 17, wherein the flexible connecting strip includes a tape
~~strip-tape strip~~ having an adhesive covered by a release tape on the overhanging portion.